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Sprague Electric Awarded Citation For Outstanding Industrial Research



The Award for Leadership in Research certificate presented by the Boston Chamber of Commerce to the Sprague Electric Company.

Sprague Electric People Take Part In Course Sponsored By C. of C.

Nine people from the Sprague Electric Company are participating in a Management Training Course being put on by the Manufacturer's Division of the North Adams Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of the Massachusetts Department of Education, Division of Vocational Training.

This course, which began on April 16, 1952, and will continue through April and May at the Northern Berkshire Gas Company Auditorium, is well attended by members of the supervisory staffs of other companies here in North Adams as well as those from Sprague Electric. Those participants from Sprague Electric are: Peter Mancuso, Kenneth Russell, Bernard Fitzpatrick, Charles Mulcahy, Robert Baker, Alfred Law, John Pierce, Peter Jobin, and Maurice Chonard.

The first session was opened by Mr. Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training here at Sprague Electric and also a member of the Manufacturer's Division. He introduced Mr. William Dehey of Pittsfield who will be the instructor in charge. The subject of Mr. Dehey's course is "The Technique of Supervision", and is aimed primarily at training foremen and supervisors in modern supervisory techniques. This first course is the beginning of a concentrated series of courses to be given for foremen and supervisors through the North Adams Chamber of Commerce.

On April 18, Sprague Electric was awarded a citation by the Boston Chamber of Commerce acknowledging its outstanding work in industrial research.

Sprague Electric was one of eleven New England corporations to be thus honored. The presentation was made on Research Day, and an all-day program, climaxed by the awarding of the citations at a banquet, was held at the Sheraton Plaza in Boston.

Mr. Robert C. Sprague accepted the certificate in behalf of the Company, and, in particular, the Research and Engineering Department.

Dr. Preston Robinson, Vice President, heads the Research and Engineering Division which has earned this distinction for Sprague Electric. Dr. Robinson, who holds S.B. and M.S. degrees from M.I.T. and a Ph.D. from the University of California, directs the research aimed at scientific progress for the Company.

Dr. Robinson is assisted by John Schimmel, III, Executive Engineer. Mr. Schimmel administers the work of the Research and Engineering Department.

Sprague Electric's able corps of senior engineers includes William M. Allison, Stanley Dorst, Odvar Ness, Paul Netherwood, David Peck, Dr. Hans Reinheimer, and Dr. Sidney D. Ross.

The Research Day citations were presented to companies whose industrial research has resulted in increased industry and employment for the New England area. A large percentage of the work of the Sprague Electric Research and Engineering

Department is of a pioneering nature and often creates new products.

The work of the Research and Engineering Department is divided into practical engineering, investigation of new materials and processes, and research and development. A large percentage of the time in the laboratories is spent in practical engineering to supply capacitors, resistors, filters, networks, wire, etc. to meet specific customer requirements. In addition, new materials and processes, whether developed here or elsewhere, are investigated for possible incorporation into our manufacture. The Sprague Electric research work which leads up to engineering development has been concentrated on the development of, and better understanding of, new materials and techniques and their use in our type of work. This includes synthesis of new raw materials as well as the study of basic physical properties of conductors, dielectrics, etc.

From all this work comes improvements on present products as well as new products. The recent expansion of the Company into new fields, which was a factor considered in the awarding of the citations, has come in part



Dr. Preston Robinson

from work in the labs and has increased the responsibilities of the labs considerably.

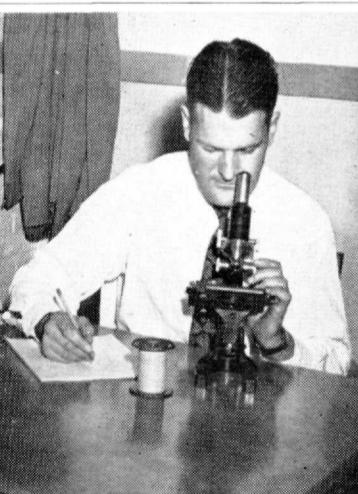
The Award for Leadership in Research reads:

"For your bold attack on the limitations of traditional thinking through utilization of the research

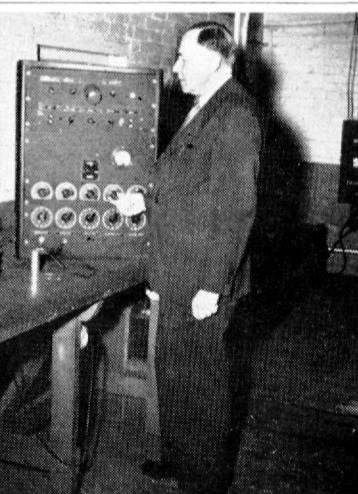
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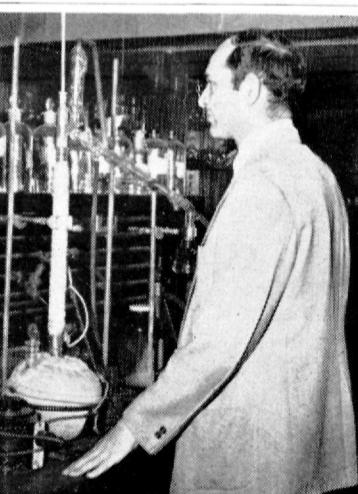
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Stanley Dorst



Dr. Hans Reinheimer



Dr. Sidney D. Ross



Odvar Ness



Paul Netherwood



David Peck



William M. Allison

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Annual Sprague Electric Men's Bowling Banquet Held



Kenny Russell, Sports Editor, presents Pinky Sherman, Captain of the Can Shop Team, with the LOG award for the winning team of the Men's Bowling League. Congratulations, Can Shop Team.



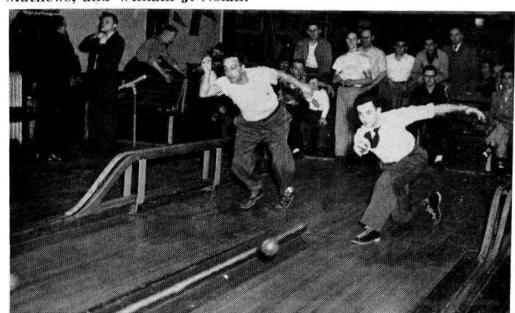
Over 100 bowlers and their guests gathered for the banquet at the American Legion home. The banquet, speeches, and movies brought the bowling season to a successful close.



Kenny Russell congratulates Frank Santelli, Captain of the KVA Team, on his team's winning the second place LOG award.



The head table, from left to right: Kenny Russell, Paul Fern, Bill Phelps, Joe Lipa, Tony Sacco, Sam Graves, Courtney Flanders, Art Mathews, and William J. Nolan.



Frank Santelli, of the KVA Team, and George Shakar, of the Can Shop Team, battle it out in the play-offs between the KVA and the Can Shop.

The Sprague Electric Men's Bowling League was drawn to a successful conclusion with a gala banquet held at the American Legion home on Holden Street.

About 100 men, bowlers and guests, enjoyed a very nice dinner (the caterer was Johnny Neville), and the events which followed.

This year as in past years, the highly popular gentleman from the Sales Office, Paul Fern, once again was Master of Ceremonies. Paul did his usual commendable job in his own inimitable style.

Paul called on the following guests for remarks:

Bill Nolan, Secretary of the Sprague Electric Company, expressed his sincere pleasure in being able to participate with the bowlers in bringing the bowling season to a close.

Art Mathews, Safety Director, who operates the sports movies shown at the conclusion of speaking and business meeting programs, stated that it always was a real pleasure to be present at the Men's Bowling Banquet.

Courtney Flanders, of the Employee Relations Department, spoke briefly, as did Sam Graves, of the Employee Relations Department, Tony Sacco, Union Representative who was pinch hitting for John Sargeant, President of the ICW No. 2, who could not attend, Bill Phelps, Personnel Department, and Harry Callan, Western Electric Inspector and a very popular fellow, who, since his stay in North Adams, has never missed a bowling banquet. Harry expressed his thanks and said the fellowship shown was the real satisfaction to be derived from weeks of bowling association.

Bows were taken by Mr. Vivaldi, proprietor of the Olympian Alleys, Mr. Demyer, Manager of Alper's Men's Shop, who donated prizes during the season, and George Giroux, donator of prizes given out during the evening and who sponsored the Lunch Room Team.

Jack Washburn was the climax speaker for the evening, and his brief talk (illustrated) stole some of the "thunder" from the then speechless Paul Fern.

President of the Bowling League, Joe Lipa, who ably introduced the Master of Ceremonies, conducted the remaining portion of the evening's program by passing out the fruits of the season's work. Always an enjoyable job — handling the money.

On behalf of the Sprague Electric LOG, Ken Russell (yours truly) presented cash prizes to both the finalists, the Can Shop Champions, and the runners-up, the KVA Team.

Before the door prizes were drawn, \$12.70 was realized by auction. This money is to be given as a contribution to the Policemen's Children's Field Day to be held this summer.

Door prizes were won by Kenny Brooks, Al Giusti, and two other fellows whose names were not received by me. Our apologies, fellows.

Last year's officers were returned to the job by an overwhelming majority vote. They are President, Joe Lipa, Vice President, John Tolmie, Secretary, Joe Allard, and Treasurer, Jerry Lavigne.

Sports movies on boxing and fishing wound up another successful Sprague Electric Men's Bowling season.

by K. Russell

Apologies to the Independents

The Independents placed second in the Women's Bowling League, not the Beaverettes as was stated in the April 18 LOG. Congratulations and apologies, Independents. The Industrial Oils won one half, the Independents won the other half; they played each other and the Industrial Oils won the Bowling League, with the Independents placing second.

Can Shop Wins Men's Bowling League Championship by Downing KVA Team



Members of the winning Can Shop Team who participated in the play-off with the KVA Team. Front, left to right: Joe Allard and Bill Fortini. Back, left to right: George Shakar, John Tolmie, and Cliff Domenichini.

The Can Shop winners of the National League copped top honors in the Sprague Electric Men's Bowling League by defeating the KVA, American League Champions. Our heartfelt congratulations to the Can Shop on winning the crown and congratulations to the KVA for their excellent showing.

The following are the final standings in the National League and the individual results in that league.

Final Standings -- National League

Team	Won	Lost
Can Shop	21	9
Lunch Room	17	10
A. C. Drys.	17	13
Dry Rolling	15	15
Machine Shop	11	21
K.V.A. Stock	7	20

National League Individual Results

K.V.A. STOCKROOM

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
B. Duval	4820	54	89.2	5	6
A. Giusti	3670	42	87.2	6	2
A. Sacco	5339	57	93.6	2	16
T. Zanett	5911	63	93.7	7	16
F. Kolis	4956	54	91.7	6	19
B. Passotti	3807	42	90.6	7	9

DRY ROLLING

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
A. Rogge	5041	58	86.8	11	7
G. Donovan	6425	72	89.2	6	6
S. Morin	6049	66	91.6	8	8
S. Vallotta	7103	75	94.7	3	11
M. Morin	7176	75	95.6	5	12

MACHINE SHOP

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
E. Williams	4330	49	88.3	8	7
J. Murray	5131	56	91.5	3	11
G. Scarbo	6052	63	96.05	2	7
E. Hinkell	6162	66	93.3	5	12
Ziaja	1948	21	92.7	2	4
W. Rogowski	2228	24	92.8	2	2

LUNCH ROOM

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
E. Blondin	6428	69	93.14	7	15
A. Folino	6305	69	91.3	12	49
D. Powell	4889	48	101.8	0	14
H. Vidal	2352	27	87.1	2	5
D. Vivaldi	2402	27	88.9	5	1
P. Burdick	2453	27	90.8	2	7

CAN SHOP

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
B. Fortini	5600	60	94.17	3	11
O. Edwards	3695	42	87.9	5	5
C. Domenichini	5440	60	90.67	7	8
R. Sherman	5330	54	98.7	0	29
G. Shakar	5252	54	97.2	1	11
J. Allard	3882	39	99.6	0	5
J. Tolmie	2474	24	103.08	0	10

A. C. DRYYS

Name	Pinfall	Strings	Average	Coffee	Strikes
B. Baker	5709	60	95.1	7	17
P. Rancatti	5253	57	92.1	3	8

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Highlights In Sports

by Fran Brazeau

Joe Page, who helped materially with his relief pitching to hand the New York Yankees the World Championship two years ago, claims he is on his way back to the big time. Judging from the three hitter which he hurled a few days ago for Syracuse over Ottawa, he may be flinging them in the majors before the season ends.

Clyde Lovellette, Kansas' All-American basketball player, will join Phillips Petroleum Co. in June as a salesman in the chemical department. Milwaukee Manager Ben Kerner said he turned down a \$50,000 offer to play pro ball.

Among the 20 candidates reporting to Coach Bob McDermott of the C.Y.C. nine were several former Drury players including Bill Trembley, Bob Vasseur, Walt Kately, Dingle Laird, and Mickey Bochetti. Also, Lem Kronick, Zeke Harrington, Joe Dominichini, Steve Kawa, formerly with the St. Anthony Crusaders, and Bill Prevey are expected to join the squad later.

Did you know that Al Rosen of the Cleveland Indians broke his nose nine times playing baseball.

Norm Trueheart, one of Drury's best all-around athletes, hopes to join the select group of four-letter men at the local school this spring. He already has won his "D" in football, basketball, and baseball, and now is a candidate for track. The last four-letter man was Bob Vasseur who graduated in 1949.

Grammar School Baseball League Slate Announced

The Grammar School Baseball League will be contested in two divisions, the Western and the Eastern, again this season starting May 5.

The Eastern Section will be played at Kemp's Park and the Western at Brayton. The starting time for both will be at 4:00 o'clock.

The line-ups:

Eastern	Western
Freeman	Brayton
St. Joseph	Haskins
Mark Hopkins	Johnson
Houghton	Holy Family
Notre Dame	

Six Teams in City Softball League

The City Softball League has decided to go along with six teams comprising the circuit this year. They are Company K, Hayden Oil, Clan McIntyre, Sprague Products, Greylock, and the defending champions, Corner Cafe.

Drury Track Team Taking Form

A squad of 30 candidates reported to Coach Dom Guazzo at Drury's first practice session.

Topping the list of Drury point makers on hand are Johnny Murphy in the sprints, Chuck Perenick in the 440 and high jump, and Herb Hemenway in the mile. Other veterans include Dick Reeves, Pat Carriddi, Ray Ferrar, and Paul Gigliotti.

A year ago, Drury was edged out by 1 of a point from winning the annual Western Massachusetts title meet. With a number of last year's mainstays back, the prospects are fairly bright for another good year.

National League Individual Results

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R. Johnson.....	2223	24	92.5	1	6
F. Segala.....	4977	54	92.1	3	10
L. Segala.....	6332	66	95.9	3	18
T. Dudziak.....	4053	45	90.07	2	11
J. Nuvalle.....	4780	48	99.6	0	12
High Individual Average—C. Estes.....				104.2	
High Individual Triple—L. Segala.....				364	
High Individual Single—D. Powell.....				157	
High Team Triple—Can Shop.....	1537				
High Team Single—Western Electric.....	546				
Low Individual Single—A. Guisti.....	56				
Low Individual Triple—J. Vitro.....	215				

Samuel M. Graves, Jr. Joins Employe Relations Dept.



Samuel M. Graves *Staff*

Samuel M. Graves, Jr. has joined the Employe Relations Department. He will serve as an Administrative Assistant to Robert C. Sprague, Jr. Among Mr. Graves' chief duties will be Walsh-Healey work and policy development. However, he is a qualified pilot and will put in some time as a Company pilot when other Company pilots are not available.

Mr. Graves was graduated from Colgate University in 1936, receiving an A.B. in Economics. After graduation, he took a law course at Northeastern in Chicago. In 1939, he received a diploma, with distinction, from the Babson Institute of Business Administration.

Mr. Graves holds an Airline Transport Rating and has compiled 5500 hours of pilot time. During World War II, he served as a Major in the Marines. Part of his five years of active duty was spent as Operations Officer in charge of all air transportation at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal. He holds the rank of Major in the Marine Corps Reserve.

After his release from active service, Mr. Graves was employed by Thomson S. Burn, a Fort Worth construction firm, as Assistant to the Building Superintendent, and he held the position of Chief Pilot with R. P. Farnsworth Co., Inc. of New Orleans.

Mr. Graves is a native of Wellesley, Massachusetts. He has purchased a home in North Adams and has been joined by his wife and four sons.

Northern Berkshire High School Baseball Season Gets Underway

Pittsfield High looms as a top-heavy favorite to regain the loop championship this year after losing out to Dalton High a season ago. Coach Art Fox's nine has four experienced moundsmen besides his usual depth in hitting.

Adams and Williamstown are fairly well off, but they lack pitching strength. Drury faces a tough rebuilding job and may turn in its worst diamond performance this year.

Not much is known of Pittsfield St. Joe and Dalton, but the Paper Towners usually turn out good teams and may put up a good fight to defend the title won last campaign.

For Your Address Book

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4th Reg. 45th Batt. Co. 189
U.S.N.T.C. Bainbridge, Maryland

Special Indoctrination Course Held

A Special Indoctrination Course has been held by Sprague Electric. This program was opened on April 14 by Mr. Leon Podolsky, Manager of Field Engineering, who spoke on "Capacitors". This lecture by Mr. Podolsky was attended by approximately forty people including those taking the Special Indoctrination Course, those who have taken it, those who will be taking it in the near future, and personnel of the Research and Engineering Department.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Podol-

sky's lecture, a group of six men began the program which was under the direction of Norman McWilliams, assistant to Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training. They were William Arnold, Jr., Howard Davis, Michael Geroulo, Thomas Hurley, and Melvin Tierman. This program lasted for four days at the end of which another group began an identical course. They were Stanley Bubriski, Sam Graves, Melcomb McQuarrie, Earl Peters, and Thomas Richardson.

Know Your Foreman

Frank Gassett, Foreman of the F. P. Ovens and Assembly, has the distinction of being the second oldest Sprague Electric Foreman in length of service. He is bettered only by Lewis Cronin, General Foreman.

Somerville-born Frank was with Sprague Electric when the Company was getting its start in Quincy. When Sprague Electric made the move to North Adams, Frank came right along with them. He has seen service in many Company departments which are now obsolete, such as Wet Electrolytes, the Pre-Tuners, and the Anodes.

At present, Frank very capably directs the activities of the F. P. Ovens and Assembly. In the "Ovens", Dry Electrolytic capacitors are aged by being put under heat, ranging from 65° to 85°C., and by being subjected to electric currents. This treatment makes the units adaptable for TV and radio, since they will be subjected to similar conditions in these products. The heat and electricity also heal up the oxide film covering the capacitors which has acquired rough edges and been scratched in handling.

Before becoming associated with Sprague Electric, Frank was with the Amrad Company in Medford, Mass. This Company put out some of the earliest radios of the type where the listeners used headphones. Also included in his background after graduation from high school is two years of scientific and mathematical study at Wentworth Institute and a one-year course at La Salle University.

Frank has five children. The oldest, Frank, Jr., worked in the Labs before joining the Army Air Force.

Correction

The LOG wishes to correct a statement made in the article "Robert Howard Joins Staff of Purchasing Department", in the LOG dated April 18, 1952. Mr. Howard does not hold a degree in Civil Engineering from Trinity College.

Ride Wanted

Ride Wanted from Adams to the Marshall Street Plant. Shift 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Barbara Groves, Navy Department, Marshall Street Plant.

Births

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Peirce on March 17. Mrs. Peirce is Eleanor of General Accounting.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Koczela on March 24. Mrs. Koczela is Eileen of Paper Rolling.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Gagne on March 25. Mr. Gagne is employed in Molding and Mrs. Gagne, Bessie, is employed in the Dry Tubular Assembly.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Gregory on March 26. Mrs. Gregory is employed in the Ceramic Department and Mr. Gregory works in Shipping.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wheeler on March 25. Mrs. Wheeler, Jean, is employed in Molded Tubular Section Solder.

Beaver Street News

Products Engineering

by Fran Melito

Anyone wanting a quick snack, from hot dogs to fish and chips, should visit the new West's Dairy Bar under the management of our own **Dick Gageant** and **Kim Barry**. The food is really marvelous, so why not get over there and try it.

Mr. and Mrs. **William Kirby** have a new addition at their house. It's little Susan Lynne who was born April 11. Congratulations.

Some people have all the luck. **Bill Martin**, who is a naval reservist, left for a two-week cruise off the Florida coast.

Vacation talk already has started in our department. The gals are trying to decide whether they should go beach hopping, or perhaps a dude ranch would fill the bill. It's great sport listening to their plans.

A special big "hi" sign is out for **Jean Oldham**, **Manley Tyler**, **Alma Pratt**, **Joan Reopell**, and **Bob Denley**.

Speaking of **Jean Oldham** and **Manley Tyler**, they have set the big day for June 21.

So long to **Joan Brousseau**. We're all going to miss you, so best of luck.

Congratulations to **Joan O'Hearn**. She now has her driver's license and her own car.

Doris Langer was a bridesmaid at her cousin's wedding. She looked real sweet in her "yella" gown.

Cotton dresses have started to blossom in all sections of our office. **Barb Martin** and **Claire Thomas** started things a poppin'.

We're glad to see **Joan Brousseau** back with us. Joan has been ill for quite some time, but from the looks of things, she now is as chipper as an early April robin.

Sprague Electric Awarded Citation

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facilities at your command.

"For your contributions to technical advances within your own operations and those within your sphere of influence by being unafraid to make use of progressive methods developed through your research."

"For your never ending quest through research for better methods and better products which has resulted in major contributions to full employment and economic security in many fields in addition to creating better living for the people of the world."

The citation was signed by William M. Rand, General Chairman, Boston Research Day, John B. Hynes, Mayor of the City of Boston, and Ralph M. Binney, President, Boston Chamber

of Commerce.

The rest of the Sprague Electric organization joins the Boston Chamber of Commerce in saluting Dr. Robinson, his engineers, and the personnel of the Research and Engineering Department for their outstanding research and development work which has created new products, new markets, and has increased employment in New England.

Citation Selection Committee

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ton University Graduate School, Dr. Leonard Carmichael, President of Tufts College, Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and William M. Rand, Chairman of Research Day.



General Robert Cutler presenting Mr. Robert C. Sprague with award for Leadership in Research at Research Day Banquet.

Miscellaneous Paper Assembly

by Marie-Rose LaFlamme

Congratulations to **Leonard Gagne** and **Myrtice Rupprecht** who were married on April 19. Leonard was presented a purse by his co-workers. Best wishes for many happy years for both of you.

Many of our girls are celebrating birthdays. Happy birthday **Hazel Martin**, **Emma Banas**, and **Betty Samia**.

Welcome back to **Norma Labree** after her illness.

If anyone walking through the Miscellaneous Paper Assembly gets lost, it will be understandable. We have been moved around in the past two weeks and even we can't find ourselves. **Ida Fowler**, **Emma Banas**, **Hazel Martin**, **Betty Samia**, **Jeanette Oleskiewicz**, **Leonard Gagne**, **Jeff Barry**, **Irene Richardson**, and yours truly have moved upstairs near the Bathtub Assembly. We miss the girls downstairs, but frequently visit our old room. Sorry to leave you, but we are hoping you will come up and join us soon.

Irene Richardson is vacationing in Bermuda. She is visiting her daughter and son-in-law. Hope your trip is a memorable one, Irene. We envy you, so soak in some of that sunshine for us.

If anyone is interested in learning to dance, just ask our own little **Hazel Martin**. She will give you dancing lessons any noon-time. Believe me, she knows all the steps, too. We wish we had half the energy you have, Hazel.

Margaret Weslowski celebrated her birthday April 18. The girls on her table presented her with a cake and gifts. Happy birthday from the rest of us, Margaret.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. **Miles O'Grady** on the death of their twin infant daughters.

Can Shop

by Cliff

Glad to see **Osborne Edwards** back after his illness.

Gerald Rickert plans to be married in a couple of months. Gerald is better known to us as Tiny.

Bud Valley's son has just been released from the hospital. We are glad he is better, Bud.

Pop Edwards has been giving Tiny some helpful hints on married life. There is a lot to what he says, Tiny, so take a few tips from an old-timer.

Bob Haas has two 50-gallon drums for sale. Bob claims he doesn't need them now he has a Nash.

If you want to hear about the fish which got away, come and see **Pinky Sherman**.

Anne White and **Donald Kleiner** still are looking for a job as a singing duet.

Our sympathy is extended to **Ernie Charbonneau** on the death of his brother.

Our sympathy is extended to **Bill Fortini** on the death of his mother.

Gerald Rickert and **Osborne Edwards**, both of the Can Shop, have a serious discussion.

Stephen Baldyga Goes Fishin'



Staff

Stephen Baldyga, of Wire Coating, was out the first day of fishing season trying his luck in the North Branch of the Hoosac. At the time this picture was taken, Steve reported no fish.

Sprague Products



Staff

Two Sprague Products, under the watchful eye of their mother, go for a short stroll. The two kittens were born on March 14 in the cellar under the Sprague Products Office. Soon, they moved up-stairs to become the pets of the office. Both kittens now have been taken home by foster parents, but Confetti, the calico mother, still makes Sprague Products her permanent residence.

Bathtub Assembly

by D. Landry

We welcome **Joyce Socha** and **Leona McKinney** to our department. We hope you will like working with us.

Dorothy Brooks enjoyed her two weeks of vacation in Alabama with her folks. She was very happy to have been with her family once again.

Our room seems unusually lonesome and quiet since **Josey Sikorski**, **Frances Roy**, **Millie Bathaway**, **Nancy Briggs**, **Muriel Bentley**, **Margaret Quinton**, **George Simon**, **Ernest Haas**, and their Supervisor, **Norman Wright**, moved to the former Filter room. We miss them.

Bill Armbruster joined **Henry Meczywor** and **Peter Grande** in playing host to the virus.

Jim Nicol, our Foreman, and **Norman Wright**, our Supervisor, don't need to be rocked to sleep at night. They really have had some busy days.

Shirley Christenson and her husband, Russell, had a pleasant trip to Brockton, Mass. recently.

We were sorry to have **Marguerite Fletcher** leave us. Best of luck, Marge.

Agnes Chesbro is back with us after her recent leave of absence. It is good to see you again, Agnes.

Ronnie Messina and her husband enjoyed a trip to New York recently.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by those who attended **Nancy Davis'** and **Teddy Pierce's** shower at Petey Dink's. The usual delicious meal was served and the dancing, especially the polkas, was enjoyed. We wish Nancy and Teddy every happiness.

Upper Offices

by Flo and Sue

Congratulations to **Flo Clough** and her husband, Arnold, on their first wedding anniversary.

We would like to welcome **Joan Russell** and **Laura O'Dell** to the Upper Offices. We hope they enjoy working with us.

Helen Clough is back to work after her nice vacation in Florida and surrounding regions. It is obvious she had a wonderful time, and such a nice tan. Makes us all more than a little envious.

It is very quiet on the top floor now that Time Study, Production Planning and most of Mr. Teeple's Department have moved to Marshall Street. We are looking forward to seeing all of our old friends in a few weeks when we will be in our new offices at Marshall Street also.

The gang in Mr. Teeple's office had themselves a good time at an office party held at the Heartwellville Lodge on April 17. From the reports, this get-together was enjoyed by all.

Alice Herrmann, **Susan Bishop**, **Marion Matney**, **Marion Pinsonnault**, **Gloria Moors**, and **Janice Robinson** spent a week end in New York City just enjoying themselves. They saw "Guys and Dolls" and the Ken Murray television show.

We are sorry to lose **Marion Pinsonnault** and **Lillian Hofsepian** to the Marshall Street offices. We miss them and the rest of the gang in Factory Planning.

Marshall Street News

Shipping

by Ceil Trudeau

Never a dull moment in the Shipping Department — **Alfred Bourdon** furnishing the music (drums) and **Ted Grogan** putting on the entertainment (hula-hula).

Gerald Cronin enjoys his new working quarters. After all, Gerry you know need the exercise.

We are glad to hear **Dorothy Raimer's** mother is on the road to recovery after an operation.

Ask **Tony Saltamartini** what happened when he went fishing at Cold River.

John Burdick and **Stanley Pasierbiak** have been transferred. Stanley now is working in Heat Seal and John is employed in Check Inspection.

Conversation overheard in the Department:

Art Mathews: "We are going to have to find a new location for those tanks."

Phil Talarico: "For those what?"
Art: "Tanks."
Phil: "You're welcome."

Famous Magician to be Presented for Benefit of Stamford Volunteer Fire Co.

In a biographical sketch of John Mulholland, American magician, the *Columbia Encyclopedia* notes: "While still a schoolboy, he established a reputation for his skill in magical tricks, and he came to be one of the most celebrated performers of magic. He also wrote with simplicity and charm on the subject..."

In the fewest possible words that states the amazing career of the noted magician and authority on magic — JOHN MULHOLLAND.

Born just before the turn of the century, in Chicago, John Mulholland was brought to New York City while still an infant. At the age of five, he witnessed the performance of Kellar, then America's outstanding magician, and though his playmates held ambitions to be cowboys, or firemen, he then decided that his future was irrevocably bound to the art of magic. For ten years, he studied and practiced, and at the age of fifteen began his professional career.

For some years, John Mulholland's performances were given after school hours. Fortunately, as most shows are given in the evenings, his professional career, though interfering with his home work did not conflict with his classes. Once his studies were completed, he went back to school for six hours as a teacher, and continued his performances evenings and week-ends. Then the demand for his appearances as a magician left no time for teaching. Ever since he has devoted himself solely to mystifying the peoples of the world.

Believing that "the greatest study of mankind is man," Mr. Mulholland has lived and talked with coolies and kings — dictators and paupers in his travels throughout America and foreign lands. He has given his performances



John Mulholland

around the world, and in fifty-two different countries. In his travels he has performed before Kings in turreted castles, before Orientals in brocades and turbans, and the man across the street.

His definition of magic, as "the art of creating illusion agreeably" is followed in his performances. John Mulholland not only creates the most astoundingly impossible effects, but he does them with a delightful ease and the most agreeable and friendly manner.

With all his knowledge and skill, John Mulholland's eminence as a magician is due most to his ability to arouse in his audiences an enjoyment, equal to his own, in the accomplishment of the mysterious feats of his craft.

The "World Renowned Magician" will be presented on Saturday, May 17, 1952 at the Drury High School Auditorium for the benefit of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Company. Tickets can be obtained from Dick Trottier, Office Methods, Marshall.

Birthday wishes to **Eddie Clarke** on April 21.

Norma Rancatti celebrated her fifteenth wedding anniversary on April 17.

Jimmy Gay is a new grandfather. **Don Richardson** has left us to join the Drafting Department. Sorry to see you go, Don.

Dave Perris has left us to accept a position in Pittsfield. Good luck on your new job, Davie.

Clem Leclair has been transferred to the Ovens. We miss you, Clem.

If anyone wants a kitten, **Sammy Dean** has seven he would like to give away to anyone who would provide a good home for a kitten.

Irvin Dupee has moved his family from Plattsburg, New York to North Adams. We wish you lots of luck and hope you like our city, Irvin.

For farm products of every description, contact **Almina Rondeau**.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Dave Perris** on the death of his mother.

Ceramics

by Ida and Ginny

Welcome back, **Josie Dean**, from your sick leave. We missed you.

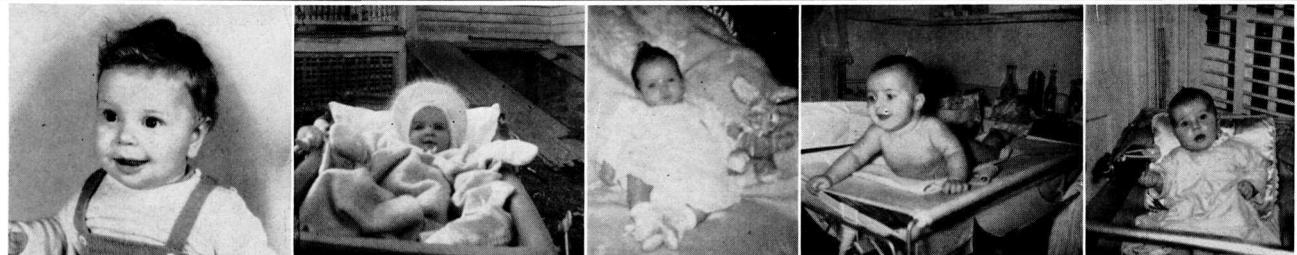
Congratulations are in order to **Jewel Martin** and **Clara Bourdon** on their wedding anniversaries. Many more years of happiness to you both.

Welcome to all the new girls in our department. Hope you like working with us.

Wallia Rowe, affectionately known as Pop, is ill. We miss him very much. We are wishing you a speedy recovery and hope you'll be back with us soon, Pop.

Alma Haley celebrated her 15th anniversary on May 1. Lots of luck to both of you.

Happy anniversary to **Anne Little**.



Gary Francis Fletcher, son of Charles Fletcher of the Brown Street Impregnating Department. Gary is 10 months old. Under the bonnet is Catherine Davignon, 8 months old. Catherine's mother is Norma of Dry Tubular Assembly and her father is Bernard of Formation. Janet Mahar of Flat Midget Assembly and Donald Mahar of Wire Coating are mighty proud of their 3 months old daughter, Beverly Ann. Donna Marie Mastalisz is 7 months old. She is the daughter of Josephine Mastalisz of Small Order Metal Clad. A future basketball player, 3 months old Douglas Peter Sanecki. Proud father Cass is employed in the Marshall Street stockroom and has been the coach of the Girls' Basketball Team for several seasons.

F. P. Assembly

by Cora Ryan

The call for **Janice Robinson** came not from Uncle Sam, but from **John Pierce**, who wanted Janice to continue to be his office girl. Good luck, Janice.

Norma Cournoyer is taking over where Janice left off. We hope you like the job, Norma.

The proudest woman in the F. P. is **Mary Zona**. She has become a grandmother. Congratulations, Mary.

We are happy to have **Margaret Starr** with us again.

A shower was given in honor of **June Bunting** on April 4 by her sisters, Roma Koch, Phyllis Olson, and Helen Breyer. About 50 friends attended.

The wedding bells rang out on Saturday, April 19 for three of our girls. They were **Isabell Packer** married to Ray Green, **Helen Danforth** to Julian Lipinski, and **June Bunting** to Leonard Lameroux. Good luck to all and best wishes for a happy and long married life.

Minnie Hamlin spent a week end in New Bedford. She had a wonderful time.

We take pleasure at this time to welcome all the new people in our room. We hope they like it with us.

A farewell was said to **Norman Remillard** who is leaving for a new job. We presented him with a fish pail, so good luck fishing, Norm. His place is to be filled by **Harry Brierly**. The best to you, Harry.

Round Midget Assembly

by Anon

April showers bring forth May flowers, and also brought out **Jimmy Boner's** golf clubs.

Ida Chilson celebrated her birthday on April 21, and without her chocolate cake. Poor Ida.

Kay O'Connor, our traveling lady, attended a wedding in Gardner recently.

Jennie Garneau spent a recent week end in Springfield.

Mabel Arnos has new glasses and we think they are very becoming. Better luck with these, Mabel.

Edith Roy has had the "Bug" and we hope she soon will be well and back with us.

Very happy to report our Night Boxes during Lent netted \$17.00. The money was sent to the Brightside Orphanage for Easter.

To my Brown Street friends: Glad **Jean Levy** is going to co-report in my place. Good luck, Jean. I got my start with your help. I have missed writing the Brown Street news but I enjoy reading it in the LOG and will be watching and waiting for the next issue.

Peg Daub does enjoy the wrestling matches and looks forward to the week ends.

Our sympathy is extended to **John LaDame** on the death of his uncle, Patrick Maguire of Bennington.

Building 3, Marshall Street

by Breezy

Spring is here...and so is vacation time. **Angie Chase** has taken one week of her vacation already, and we hear she really enjoyed it. Glad you were able to visit your folks in Braintree, and also that you were able to do some of your spring cleaning, Angie.

And speaking of spring cleaning, what a fine job of it has been done around here. How our offices shine with the new paint on the walls and ceilings, the scrubbed and polished floors, and the clean windows. Truly a bang-up job of spring cleaning.

We send belated birthday greetings to **Betty Neveu** and hope her day was a happy one.

All the foster mothers and fathers are resting easier now. Confetti's family is doing so well. Confetti, by the way, is a cat. Of her four kittens, sadly enough, only two lived. These two are something to be proud of, however, as can be seen by the picture of them in the LOG.

Everyone was glad **Ken Blanchard's** visit to the hospital was a short one and the doctors' reports were encouraging.

We are happy to welcome **Charles Wacker** to the Advertising Department and hope he will enjoy his work here.

Also, at this time, we extend our welcome to **Doris Bernadara** and **Ann Lefebvre** who recently started working here. Glad to have you with us, girls.

There is quite a flurry of excitement over the approaching marriage of **Emily Trimarchi**, **Rose Mazzu**, **Suzette Lemieux**, and **Janice Fowl**, all members of the bridal party, have been quite busy helping with the wedding preparations. Among other things, the girls planned the shower which we had for Emily on April 22 at the County Square. Emily seemed very happy with our gift which was three pieces of her silver pattern.

Glad **Jane Gordon's** cold is better, but sorry **Dot Stein** had to catch it. Hope it clears up fast, Dot.

We wish Mr. **Ferran** a pleasant and successful trip to Cuba, and though he is on business, we hope he finds some time for pleasure, too.

A belated farewell is extended to Mr. **McClure's** office staff which recently moved to its new quarters.

Small Order S (Nights)

by Dab

Birthday greetings to **Dot Brothers** and our Supervisor, **Al Cardinal**. Both were presented birthday cakes which were enjoyed by all.

Adele Gagnon recently spent a week end in Utica shopping and visiting relatives.

Doris Horbal attended the banquet of the Eagles Auxiliary in Worcester.

Sally Roulier has been very excited. She will attend the wrestling match at the State Armory featuring Verne Gagnon.

We know spring is around the corner. **Dot Breda** is wearing her spring plaids. **Olga Lic** is back at work after being out ill for a week.

Filters

by Ginger

Bertha Roy and her family made a trip to Bainbridge to visit her son, Francis, who recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy. Bertha found Francis looking and feeling fine.

Richard Brile, who had charge of the term assembly line, enlisted in the U. S. Navy and he, too, is stationed at Bainbridge. A party was held in honor of Dick at The 1896 House and he was presented with a gift from the Networks and Filter gang. Good luck on your new venture, Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. **Leo Lemoine** and their daughter recently visited Sampson Air Base where young Leo is stationed. He enlisted as an Air Cadet.

Birthday greetings to **Bertha Otsch** on her 19th birthday.

Claire Shaw, who became an aunt for the first time, is pretty proud of her new nephew. Claire recently enjoyed her vacation.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Testa** who celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary on April 27. Henry is a check inspector in the Filters.

Pauline Perreault was re-elected secretary to the Eagles' Auxiliary. Congratulations, Pauline.

Now the fishing season has opened, we have three fishermen representing our department. They are **John Davis**, **Bob Burr**, and **Mabel O'Grady's** 9-year-old grandson, Butch Davis. I am betting on Butch to produce the best catch. How can he miss with that new fishing pole Grandma bought for him.

Congratulations to **Eddie Landry** who on April 26 observed his 11th wedding anniversary.

Test Equipment Engineering

by Mary Cantoni

Yes, Spring is really here! Just ask our spinsters of Test Equipment Engineering, our fishing enthusiasts and also our baseball fans. It's the old familiar sounds ringing back and forth, "How many did you catch?" and "Who won?"

So far our fishermen haven't had any luck. What's the matter, **George Drenier**?

Early in the morning you hear **William Champagny** and **Edward Shaker** arguing as to which is the best team.

Congratulations to **Bill Champagny** on becoming a grandfather for the second time.

We challenge anyone to try to beat our new Checker Champ, **John Adams**, who just recently beat the former champ, **Bill Champagny**.

Charles Lincoln enjoyed a motor trip recently to Montgomery Ward near Albany and on his return trip took the wrong route and was headed toward New York City. Would you like a new road map, Charlie?

A very happy birthday to **Edward Lamphier** who celebrated in April.

Marshall Street Paper Rolling

by Choo Choo

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Zona** upon the birth of a bouncing baby boy, born in early April.

Work on the cellar hole of **John Rab's** new home is underway, and the walls will be poured soon. John will be busy from now on. Anyone handy at pounding nails report to John immediately.

We wish **Pat Mazza's** father a speedy recovery from his illness.

Comes the spring and **Bill Pratt** is covered with paint again. He redecorated his parlor this year.

Pfc. **Bob Sindermann** writes that he has been promoted a grade and transferred from the 2nd Armored Division at Mannheim, Germany to the 43rd Infantry Division at Augsburg, Germany. There, he is training to be a telephone-radio operator for mortar fire control. Three other boys from North Adams are in the same battery. They are Warren Maynard, Hollie Belding, and Tom Bulshey. The boys are training together and are bunk mates and buddies. In Bob's old outfit, another North Adams boy, Corp. **Scoop Russett**, was his bunk mate and buddy. Bob is glad to be with hometown boys. His new address is:

Pfc. Robert Sindermann US5101399
Hq. Btry. 103rd F. A. Bn.
43rd Inf. Div. A.P.O. 112
c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

Lorraine Lavigne, Lorraine Van Steenburg, Sir Vadnais, Pat Donovan, and **Barbara King** attended the wedding of **Helen Morawiec**, a former co-worker. Helen became Mrs. William Volkmer on April 19 at the Polish Church in Adams.

Mario Magnani was quite tickled this week for he caught his trout limit. We hope you continue to have such luck, Mario.

Bennington Plant News

by Rusty Hutchinson

Second Shift

Have you missed **Maurice Martino's** dog, Rascal? He worked faithfully for months destroying rats at Sprague Electric. He then developed a new hobby, chasing cats. Unfortunately, one cat had a stripe down its back and Rascal had to stay home from work and spend several days in the dog house.

Gloria Geary left us April 25. She expects to make her home in Philadelphia. Good luck and good hunting, Gloria.

One day, less than two years ago, a man dropped into our toy shop on Woodford Mountain and asked me if I could carve a few horses and elephants for his miniature circus. I never dreamed this man's circus would become famous. You are on your way, **Harley Barber**. Congratulations.

Brown Street News

Editor's Note: Because of lack of space all of the Brown Street news could not be included. Sorry, but it will be in the next issue.

Wire Coating

by Corena and Betty

We are sorry to hear **Ernest Gamache** will be spending a few days in the hospital. Make a speedy recovery, Ernie, we will miss you.

Don Bourdon's son, Robert, spent a day in the Adams Hospital. We understand he had his tonsils removed, but he is home now and doing fine.

It's a sure sign of spring when the gals in Wire Coating put on summer shoes and talk about house cleaning.

Sheila Blood, a freshman at Drury, won first prize for her baby picture and then was chosen Queen at the dance on April 18. Both occasions were sponsored by the Student Government. Sheila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Blood** of Stamford. Congratulations on having a queen in the family, and we know in your hearts she always will be a queen.

Third Shift

Silvio Volpi didn't get many fish on his first trip, but the second day he caught the limit. That should encourage all the fishermen to get out and set their caps for the LOG fishing prizes. Who knows, you may be a winner!

Euclide Gagner entered the Naval Hospital at Boston for a check-up. Good luck, Euclide.

We extend our deepest sympathy to **Fred Young** on the death of his father.

Retail Sales

by Barbara and Mario

Lucille Matranga and hubby celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary on April 27.

Also celebrating their 6th wedding anniversary on April 27 were **Sis Vadnais** and her husband.

Audrey Burdick and her husband observed their third wedding anniversary on April 18.

Happy birthday to **Doris Millette** on April 15.

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The LOG Points With Pride . . .

Ed Lombard, of Ventura, California, is a distributor for Sprague Electric products. Mr. Lombard has a young son, Eddy, who has been a pretty sick boy. Eddy has spent more than six weeks in the hospital, has had 32 blood transfusions, and has undergone surgery many times.

Several weeks ago, Eddy was being readied for another operation and blood was needed to build him up for the ordeal. Eager donators soon were found. The personnel of the Los Angeles Sprague Electric Sales Office readily volunteered to give their blood to this little boy who was engaged in such a desperate struggle to regain his health. Thomas S. Bills, Dana Grindy, John Harley, Victor Kingsolver, Paul Kuebler, Esther Trevgoda, and Bill Woodbury each donated a pint of blood to Eddy. On the particular day when this urgent call for blood was sent out, George Kariotis and Fred Nichols were out of the office. But on their return, they, too, gave.

Another eager potential donor was found in the person of John Fiske. But John's generous offer was declined, as he already was engaged in making a six-pint blood donation to another person in the need of blood transfusions.

The Los Angeles Sales Office did a wonderful thing for little Eddy. They gave him life's blood, and now he is sped on the way to recovery. It was a magnificent gift to a sick youngster because it was not just a wish for health, but the thing which actually was needed to contribute to making Eddy an active, vigorous boy again — blood.

The LOG points with pride to Thomas S. Bills, Dana Grindy, John Harley, George Kariotis, Victor Kingsolver, Paul Kuebler, John Fiske, Fred Nichols, Esther Trevgoda, and Bill Woodbury.

May 10 Is A Big Day . . .

Does everyone have May 10 circled on his calendar? If you haven't, do so now for May 10 is a big day on the Sprague Electric calendar.

It's the date of the Hobby Show, of course, and though you may not have made an entry, you'll want to bring your family to see the many interesting exhibits. Besides the fascinating hobbies, young Johnny and Mary will get a big kick out of seeing Harley's Miniature Circus, and we'll bet that you will too.

The doors of the Marshall Street Cafeteria, where the Show is to be held, are to open at 12 p.m. and will not close until 4 p.m. Entries for the contest already have begun pouring in and an interesting, instructive, enjoyable afternoon is indicated for the guests.

The three top winners of the Hobby Show will exhibit their winning entries in the display window of the North Adams Savings Bank for a week following the Show.

By the way, it might be a good idea to make that circle around May 10 in red. You won't want to miss it.

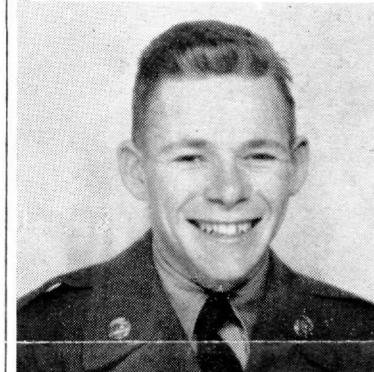
Network and Filter Development Section Celebrate Anniversary



Staff

Happy Anniversary! The Network and Filter Development Section observed its first anniversary at a dinner party held at Petey Dink's on April 23. Fred Scarborough very ably served as master of ceremonies for the affair and a word or two was contributed by various members of the department. They all minded their P's and Q's when Bobby Heideman started up his home-made tape recorder and caught their pearls of wisdom on that ingenious device. Later, the whole party posed while Al Horsfall took this picture for posterity's sake. The group enjoyed singing to the accompaniment of Bobby Heideman's well-trained guitar and dancing to the accompaniment of the juke box. Bobby also entertained with a few of his unique guitar renditions which rounded out a very enjoyable evening. Arrangements for the event were made by Loretta Lopardo.

With the Armed Forces



Pvt. Charles Shaffner is stationed at Fort Ord, California. Pvt. Shaffner is formerly of the Vitreous Enamel Department. His wife, Doris, is employed in Metal Clad.



Pvt. Clarence Williams is the son of Dolly Williams of Brown Street. Pvt. Williams is stationed in Germany.

Rocco Trimarchi Receiving Training at Bainbridge, Md.

Rocco F. Trimarchi, Jr., Seaman Recruit, U.S.N., is undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training center at Bainbridge, Md. After the 11-week training period, he will be assigned to a duty station with the fleet or sent to a service school for advanced technical training.

Recruit Trimarchi enlisted in the Navy on March 18. He was employed in Industrial Oil Assembly.

For Your Address Book

Rocco Trimarchi, Jr., S.R. Com. 249 Battalion 13, Reg. 1 Recruit Training Command U.S.N.T.C. Bainbridge, Maryland

Pvt. Ernest St. Cyr R.A. 11237551 1st Plat. Co. F. 27th R. C. T. APO 25 c/o PM San Francisco, Calif.

William Morandi Attending Tank Leadership School

Pfc. William Morandi is attending the Tank Leadership school in Fort Knox, Kentucky. The Tank Leadership course will extend over a 13-week period and then Pfc. Morandi will return to his outfit in Texas.

William would like to hear from his friends in Industrial Oil Impregnation. While he is at Fort Knox, his

address will be: Pfc. William J. Morandi US51014779 4th Company Student Reg. TL No. 15 Barracks 2460 The Armored School Fort Knox, Kentucky

Give to the North Adams Hospital Fund. A new, modern hospital is needed to safeguard the health of the community.

William Pasotti Makes Fine, Tuneful Violin With Simple Tools And Natural Woods

Cremona in Italy had its Antonio Stradivari; North Adams has its William Pasotti. As creator of many fine violins, Stradivari undoubtedly rates as number one in the field, and though Bill Pasotti may never rank in this class, he also has built a violin, which from all reports is as tuneful and pleasant sounding as any.

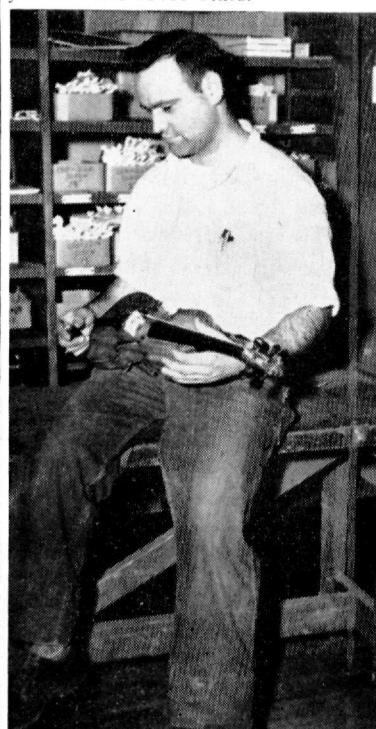
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Building violins seemed rather a strange hobby for this modern day, and curiosity forced the inevitable question as to the reason behind this fine, artistic work. It came to light that Bill was influenced by a former co-worker, Howard Burdick. Howard had built two of these musical instruments and, in the course of events, interested Bill, later instructing and supervising him in the construction of one.

The actual beginning of the instrument dates back to December of 1950, when work was begun on a section of the violin. Working spare moments, on and off, enabled Bill to complete his violin a short time ago. However, it is difficult to estimate the number of hours which went into its construction but suffice it to say it was a considerable amount.

The material of the violin body itself is, of course, wood. The top of the instrument, known as the belly, is seasoned spruce, cut by Bill from a neighbor's lot some years ago, and shaved down to such a degree of thinness as to render the panel semi-opaque to light. In building the remainder of the body and the neck, Bill followed some of the masters by using hard maple. The strings and bow to complete the violin were purchased.

One would be under the impression that violin building would require various types of tools, and complex equipment, perhaps such as dies or molds for shaping the body. That is not the case, however. Bill built his violin entirely by hand with the use



Bill Pasotti examines the fine violin which he made with a jackknife, pieces of broken glass, seasoned spruce, and hard maple.